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BENNETT H. WALL, SECRETARY-TREASURER
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LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

February 15, 1956

Dr. James W. Silver
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Dear Jim:

I have not heard from you in a long time concerning either your prowess in the field of romance or your great intellectual activities. I assume you must be fishing.

What is the latest word on that diary I was going to film for you? If we are going to get that done before I lose my contact with the "filming for free department" we should start very soon. Please give me a report on this immediately.

I hope that you are planning how to make arrangements to take Dutch with you to Durham. As you know, it is a small town, and I am quite sure you will, for the first time in your life, require companionship. You seem to do very well in the big cities. As a matter of fact, if you reduced your (quarters on intake) I am not at all sure that you would not belong to the cultural historians. I hear you are having the great man Link down to lecture to your crowd for \$2500. I can assure you that beside him Van Woodward will look like another Bryan. As a matter of fact, the last time I heard Link deliver I was much more interested in his thundering tones and wild flailing of the air and general hamming than in anything he said. In fact, unless he has changed, he is the most boring S. O. B. I have ever spent an hour with. He is strictly a history talker so be prepared. I would venture to say that if he were two-thirds drunk with the most luscious and naked wenches in Mississippi he would be more concerned with the Burr conspiracy than with anything of his own choosing. I will be glad to get the straight word from you re him later.

Are you going to Pittsburgh? Did you get the back numbers that you wanted?

Please give my best to your very dear wife and tell her that she has my complete sympathy. If I get to Memphis Easter I will call you if you can be found.

Sincerely yours,

Benn
Bennett H. Wall

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+ She - like all of Tom's gals needs coaching!

P.S. What about Carbone -
did he lose his prod?
Tell him you have arranged
a triple around the world for him
and he will come home